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**Maryland Correctional Officer from the House of Correction
to Receive the *Medal of Valor* From
American Correctional Association**

Monday, January 22 in Tampa

TOWSON, MD (January 22, 2007)---A Maryland correctional officer who saved his colleague's life during an assault at the House of Correction last March received the Medal of Valor, the highest award for bravery, from the American Correctional Association during the ACA winter conference in Tampa, Florida today (Monday, January 22).

Officer Dontae Malone, a Baltimore resident, had been on the job just three months on March 29, 2006---three months to the day after he began working as a correctional officer, in fact---when he heard an officer yelling on a tier above him at the maximum-security prison in Jessup. The 21-year old officer found inmates seriously injuring another officer. He immediately intervened, saving his colleague's life and suffering many stab wounds himself in the process. The inmates were identified and charged thanks to his efforts.

The Medal of Valor is a distinguished honor awarded only for the highest acts of courage in life-and-death situations. The more than 11,500 employees of the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services salute this courageous officer and congratulate him on receiving this honor.

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